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TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains

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REMARKS

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CB - Converted Boxcar

B - Boxcar

F - Flatcar

RRym- Heavy-Duty Flatcar

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Date in September	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
11	11 CB, 3 B, 46 F	Altengrabow	Crawinkel
12	15 CB, 45 F	Bernburg	Altengrabow
	17 CB, 4 B, 39 F	"	"
	15 CB, 3 B, 41 F	"	"
13	6 CB, 1 B, 40 F	"	"
	undetermined	"	Tangerhuetten
	13 CB, 6 B, 28 F	"	Gardelegen F
14	10 CB, 1 B, 30 F	Altengrabow	Rosslieben
28	undetermined	Magdeburg	Kuestrin
October 2	with personnel		
	14 B, 28 F, 11 RRym	Murzen	Altengrabow

2. Troop trains from Briort to Forst on 21 September included a train of 11 B, 47 F,

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and a second train of 10 B, 50 F,

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3. Troop trains observed on 5, 6 and 7 October included:

Date in October	Composition of Troop Train	From	To
5	12 B with soldiers, 35 P with 34 trucks, 1 radio truck, 1 regular shop truck, 1 ambulance, and 3 field kitchens;	Stendal	Frankfurt/Oder
	8 B with soldiers, 35 P with 7mm- AA guns, 26 trucks.	Stendal	Frankfurt/Oder
	2 generators and 2 field kitchens.		
6	38 B with about 1,000 air force soldiers	Frankfurt/Oder	Doeberitz- Elstal
7	26 B with air force soldiers, 16 B with equipment	Dresden	Doeberitz- Elstal

On 3 October, a train of 9 B with about 200 soldiers was unloaded at Satskorn. The train came from Frankfurt/Oder.

4. On 5 October, an unusually high number of troop trains was loaded in the Magdeburg railroad district. About 1,100 cars were to be made available on this day. On 6 October, 800 cars, including 300 converted boxcars, were to be assembled in the Magdeburg railroad district for Soviet movements. 8

Comment. The troop trains were previously observed. The trains probably carried artillery units of the 20 Gds Mees Div and 21 Gds Mees Div. The troop train probably carried contingents of the 8th Gds Mees Div to Altengrabow for combat firing practice. It is noteworthy that such firing practices are being conducted this late. Compare with the information on a movement of AAA units from the area of the First Gds Mees Army to the Wustrow AAA Range after 1 October 1954 which was previously reported. It can thus be concluded that no major field exercises will probably be held in the area of the army in October 1954.

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Comment. The four troop trains from Bernburg to Altengrabow were previously reported. The movement of an element of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSFG to the Tangerhuetten area was probably connected with the often reported assembling of engineer units of the GSFG and engineer units of various armies which concentrated in the Burg - Ferchland section of the Elbe River in conjunction with the fall maneuvers of the Third Shock Army. On about 22 September 1954, motor vehicles and equipment of the unidentified engineer regiment of the GSFG from Bernburg were observed at Letzling Heath and to the north during field exercises which, besides other units, were held by the reinforced 7th Gds Tk Div. The troop trains from Bernburg on 13 September 1954 probably carried the engineer unit to the above field exercises.

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Comment. The troop trains are another indication that discharges from the GDR were restricted as early as in late September 1954.

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Comment. The troop trains which carried components of the 10th Gds Tk Div to the division maneuvers were previously reported. The maneuvers began in the Cottbus - Forst area after 22 September 1954.

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Comment. On 5 October 1954, four troop trains were loaded at the Stendal railroad station with components of the 32d AAA Div and went eastward. The units had participated in the maneuvers of the Third Shock Army. Observations on the Loewenberg-Templin railroad line indicated that the light units probably returned to Kuestrin leaving Berlin to the south, while, according to the present report, the medium units were transported to Frankfurt/Oder leaving Berlin to the north.

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Comment. The arrival of air force soldiers was previously reported. They probably will relieve the personnel of the air force technical school at Doeberitz.

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Comment. Besides the air force technical school, an ordnance depot of the ground attack corps is possibly also stationed at Doeberitz. The shipment on 7 October 1954 probably was consigned to this installation.

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Comment. The railroad cars which were made available by the Magdeburg railroad district headquarters were used for the transportation of troops after termination of the maneuvers of the Third Shock Army, and for the present personnel exchange movement.

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